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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

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Art Unit: 2133

Application No.: 09/494,953

Examiner: J. Torres

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For: TEST METHOD AND TEST CIRCUIT FOR ELECTRONIC DEVICE

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

The Office Action dated April 22, 2002 has been received and carefully noted.

The following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

The Office Action of April 22, 2002 was a restriction requirement, requiring that the Applicant elect to prosecute one of two inventions which were indicated as being recited in the application. The two inventions are as follows:

Invention I, recited in claims 1-27, drawn to Loop-back Testing; and

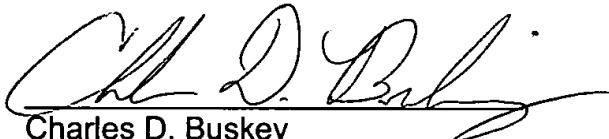
Invention II, recited in claims 28-48, drawn to an I/O Interface for Test Equipment.

Applicants respectfully elect, without traverse, to prosecute the subject matter of Invention I, recited in claims 1-27 drawn to Loop-back Testing. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application on the non-elected subject matter.

Timely examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 01-2300 making reference to Attorney Docket Number 108075-09034.

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